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| Application Number | 09/932,539 |
| Filing Date | 08/17/2001 |
| First Named Inventor | McIntosh |
| Art Unit | 3672 |
| Examiner Name | J. Dougherty |
| Attorney Docket Number | FMCE-P064 |

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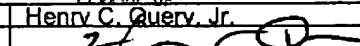
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| Inventor(s): McIntosh | |
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| For: Multiple Bore Christmas Tree Outlet | |

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- 1) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- 2) a Credit Card Payment Form (Form PTO-2038) in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of the RCE filing fee; and
- 3) an Amendment which is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2003.

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In re Application of: McIntosh)

Serial No.: 09/932,539)

Filed: 08/17/2001)

For: MULTIPLE BORE CHRISTMAS
TREE OUTLET)

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: J. Dougherty

Henry C. Query, Jr.
504 S. Pierce Ave.
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450Amendment

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2003, please amend
the above-identified application as follows.

This Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued
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